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SUBJECT: ANDEAN PACT CRITICISM OF GSP

1. ERIK SUPPER, AUSTRIAN NATIONAL AND UNCTAD OFFICIAL BASED IN GENEVA, WHO IS PRESENTLY IN LIMA UNDER CONTRACT TO STUDY GSP MECHANISMS FOR JUNTA OF CARTAGENA, HAS INFORMED US THAT THE JUNTA WILL MAKE PUBLIC A STATEMENT ON MARCH 11 CRITICIZING THE RESTRICTIVE FEATURES OF U.S. GSP. SUPPER SAID THAT GIVEN THE FACT OF EXCLUSION OF TWO ANDEAN PACT MEMBERS AND THE STRIDENT CRITICISM OF GSP BY PERU AND COLOMBIA, WE WOULD EXPECT A RATHER NEGATIVE PRONOUNCEMENT FROM THE JUNTA. HE DECLINED TO SPECIFY DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. SUPPER ALSO RAISED TWO QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW BY THE DEPARTMENT, AS FOLLOWS:

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A. IS THERE ANY CONCRETE POSSIBILITY OF DROPPING THE COMPETITIVE NEED CRITERIA (\$25 MILLION OR 50 PERCENT LIMITATION) IN FAVOR OF AN INTEGRATION GROUP OR IN FAVOR OF CERTAIN SPECIFIC PRODUCTS?

B. REGARDING SECTIONS 504 (C) (1) (B) (I) AND (II) OF THE TRADE ACT, COULD THE REFERENCES TO HISTORICAL PREFERENTIAL TRADE RELATIONSHIPS, AND TO TREATY OR TRADE AGREEMENTS IN FORCE COVERING ECONOMIC RELATIONS, RESPECTIVELY, BE INTERPRETED TO COVER THE COUNTRIES OF THE ANDEAN PACT?

3. ACTION: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON THESE POINTS ASAP.
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